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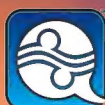
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MAGNI TOWER,
LOS ANGELES.

YOU DO
NOT NEED TO
DO THIS.

OF COURSE I DO.
I'M *TRAPPED* IN THIS
COMPANY. SAME AS YOU.
WE EITHER FIGHT BACK NOW,
OR WE'RE UNDER THE
THUMB OF MAGNI
CORP FOREVER.

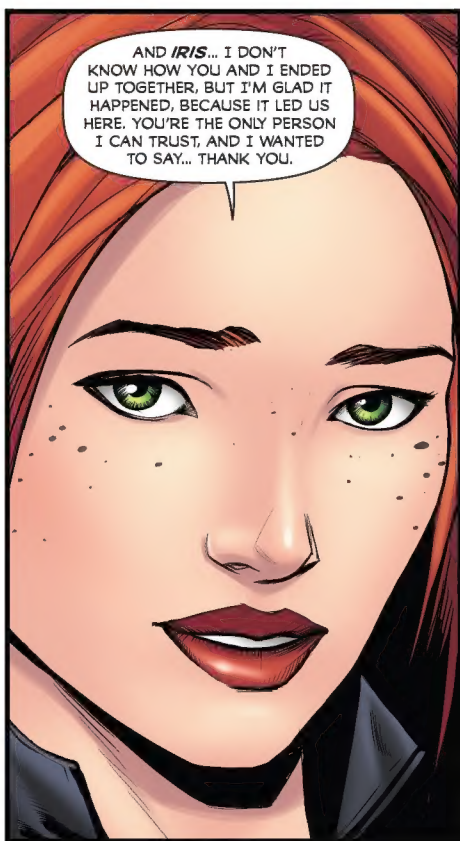
THIS WILL
BE *DANGEROUS*,
MACK. PEOPLE WILL
DIE-- MAYBE *US*.

BUT I'LL BE
FINE. I TOLD
YOU, I *CAN'T*
BE KILLED.

I KNOW HOW
CONFIDENT YOU ARE,
BECAUSE I USED TO *BE*
YOU. I THOUGHT I WAS
INVINCIBLE, LIKE A
SUPERHUMAN.

BUT THE LONGER
YOU DO THIS JOB, YOU
START TO FEEL MUCH LESS
SUPER AND A LOT
MORE *HUMAN*.

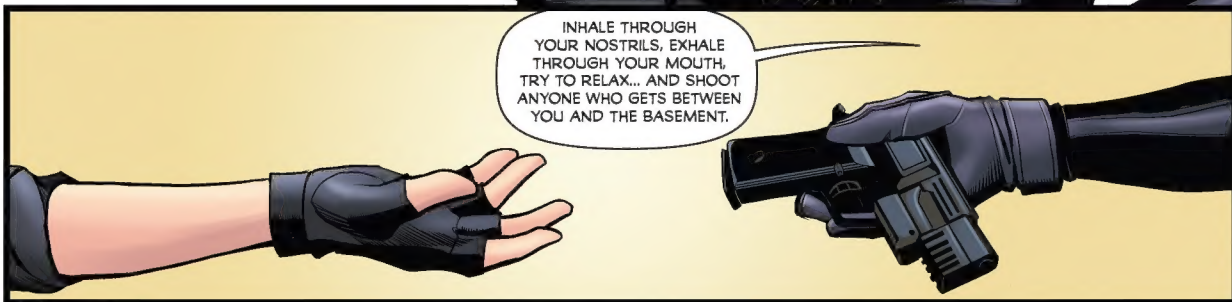




AND *IRIS*... I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU AND I ENDED UP TOGETHER, BUT I'M GLAD IT HAPPENED, BECAUSE IT LED US HERE. YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CAN TRUST, AND I WANTED TO SAY... THANK YOU.



ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES THIS WILL BE OVER. THANK ME *IF* WE MAKE IT OUT.



INHALE THROUGH YOUR NOSTRILS, EXHALE THROUGH YOUR MOUTH, TRY TO RELAX... AND SHOOT ANYONE WHO GETS BETWEEN YOU AND THE BASEMENT.



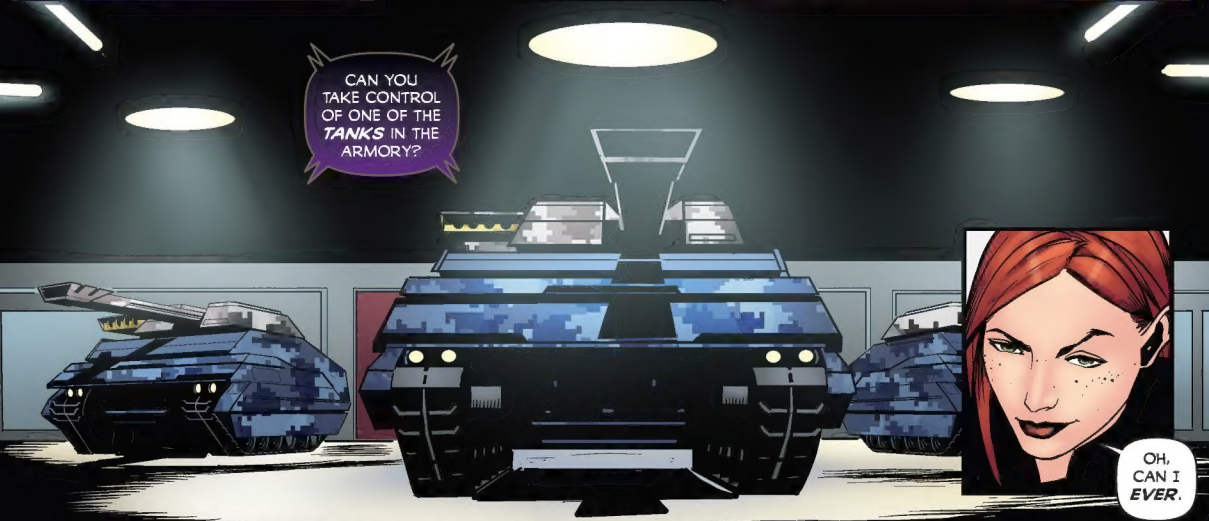
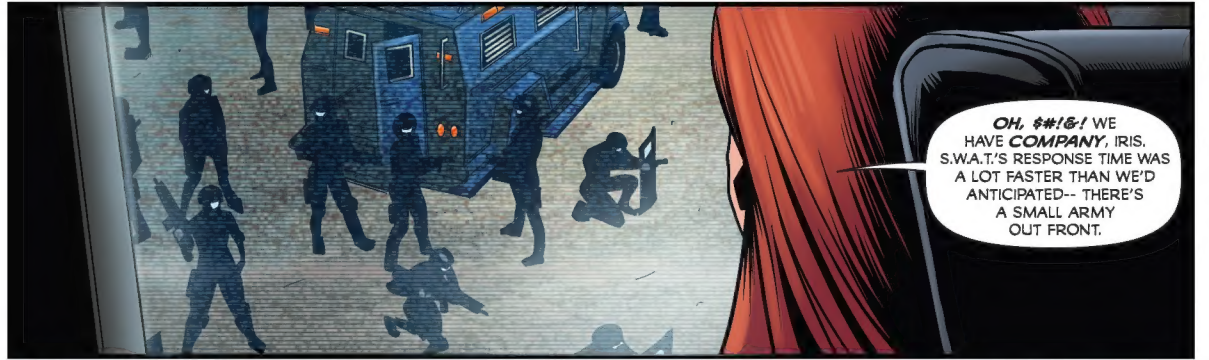
GOT IT. *MINIMAL* CASUALTIES.



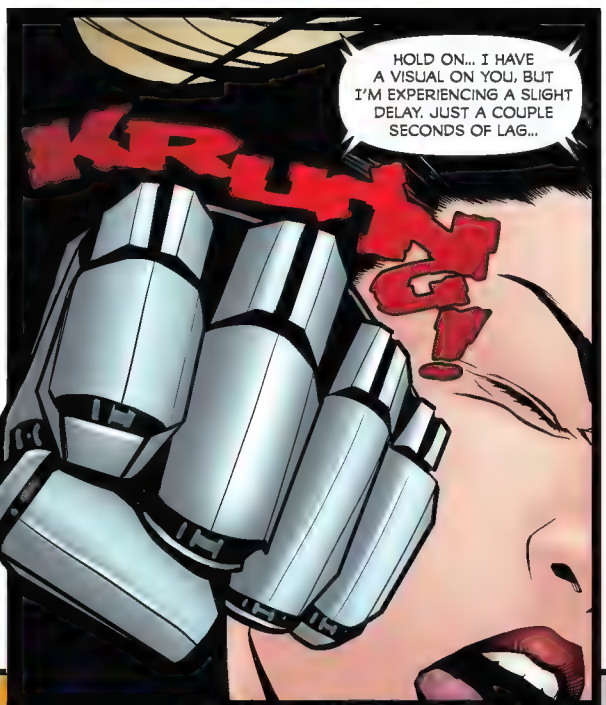
A FIRE ALARM HAS
BEEN ACTIVATED. PLEASE
EXIT THE BUILDING IN AN
ORDERLY FASHION.









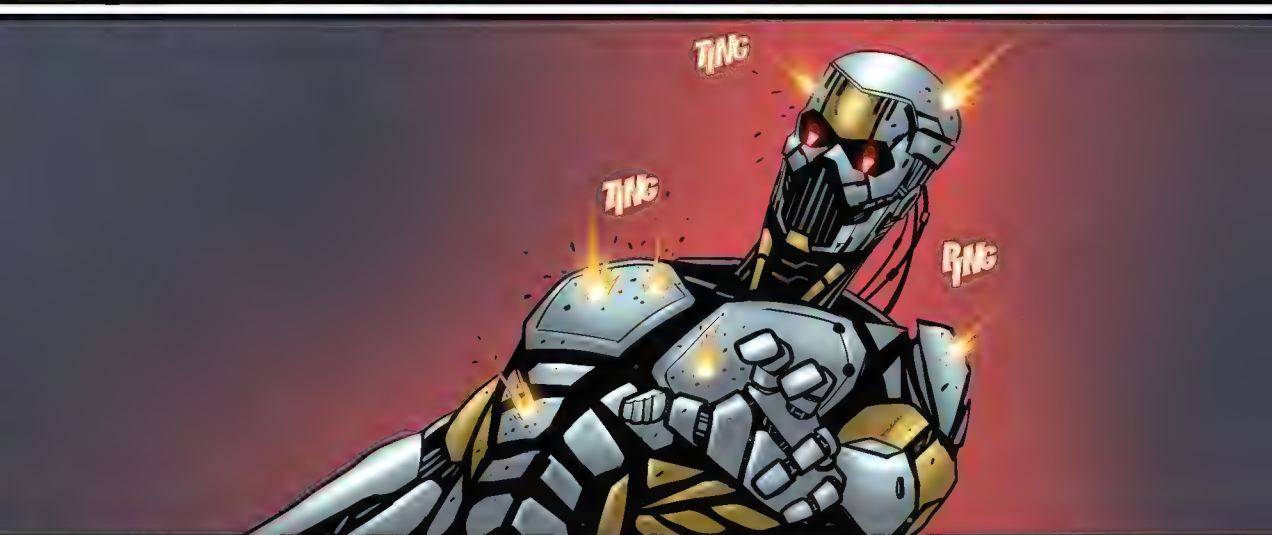




IRIS! DO YOU WANT ME TO COME UP THERE AND HELP?!

STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! I NEED YOU IN THE SERVER ROOM UNTIL WE *FINISH* THIS!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM



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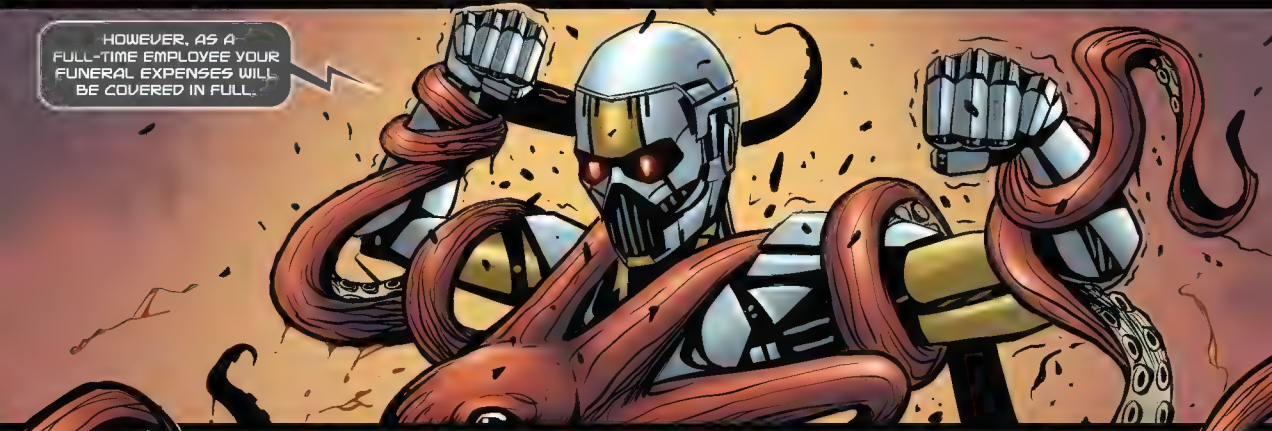
MISTER MAGNI REGRETS THAT YOU COULD NOT HAVE PARTED WAYS WITH US ON BETTER TERMS.




NGGH!



UNFORTUNATELY WE WILL NOT BE WISHING YOU THE BEST IN YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS, AS YOU WILL SOON BE DECEASED.



HOWEVER, AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE YOUR FUNERAL EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED IN FULL.



IF Y-YOU HAVE ANY F-F-FINAL WORDS... *BZZT*
BEFORE T-T-TERMINATION... *BZZT*



KERKKZZT!



H-HOW
DID YOU GET
PAST *HR*?

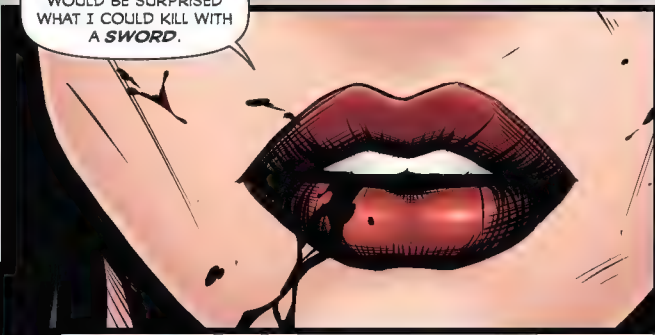


THE *HINROTH*
TOOK CARE OF
YOUR *TOY*
ROBOT.



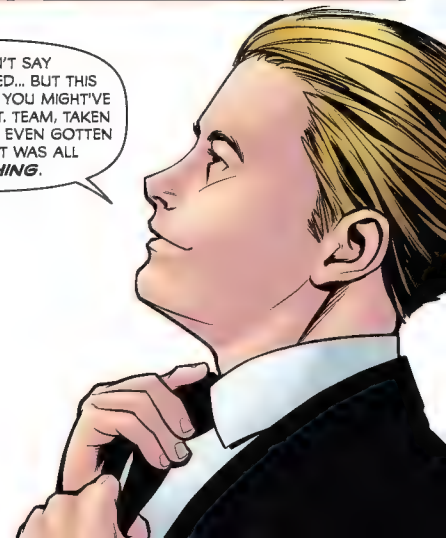
AND *I* TOOK
CARE OF THE
HINROTH.


I *SAID* YOU
WOULD BE SURPRISED
WHAT I COULD KILL WITH
A *SWORD*.



IS
THAT
SO?

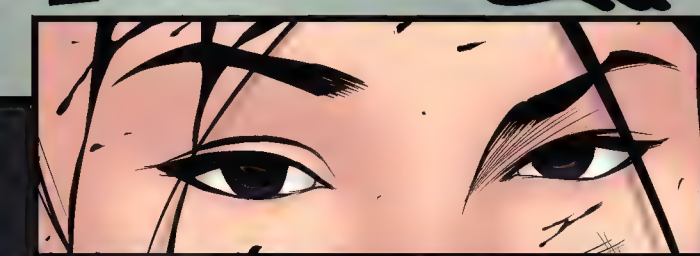
WELL, I CAN'T SAY
I'M NOT IMPRESSED... BUT THIS
CHANGES NOTHING. YOU MIGHT'VE
DELAYED THE S.W.A.T. TEAM, TAKEN
OUT SECURITY AND EVEN GOTTEN
PAST *HR*, BUT IT WAS ALL
FOR *NOTHING*.






KILL ME AND YOU'RE
IN PRISON FOR LIFE...
AND SOMEONE *JUST* LIKE
ME COMES AND SITS
IN THIS CHAIR.

WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS
BEFORE: *BILLIONS* IN STOCKS,
REMEMBER? MAGNI CORP IS
UNKILLABLE. BUSINESS CARRIES
ON WITH OR WITHOUT ME. AND
YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED
NOTHING.



IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU HAVE EVERYTHING
FIGURED OUT.

BUT YOU ARE
WRONG ABOUT ONE
THING: I AM *NOT* HERE
TO KILL YOU. I AM
HERE TO GIVE YOU A
HISTORY LESSON.



YOU KNOW HOW I TOOK OUT
TWO YAKUZA CLANS, SINGLE-
HANDEDLY, IN THE SAME NIGHT?
IT WAS NOT WITH A SWORD OR
A GUN. IT WAS WITH A *RUMOR*.



"THE BEST ASSASSINS
THROUGHOUT HISTORY WERE
PROFICIENT IN ALL FORMS OF
COMBAT... THAT IS COMMON
KNOWLEDGE."



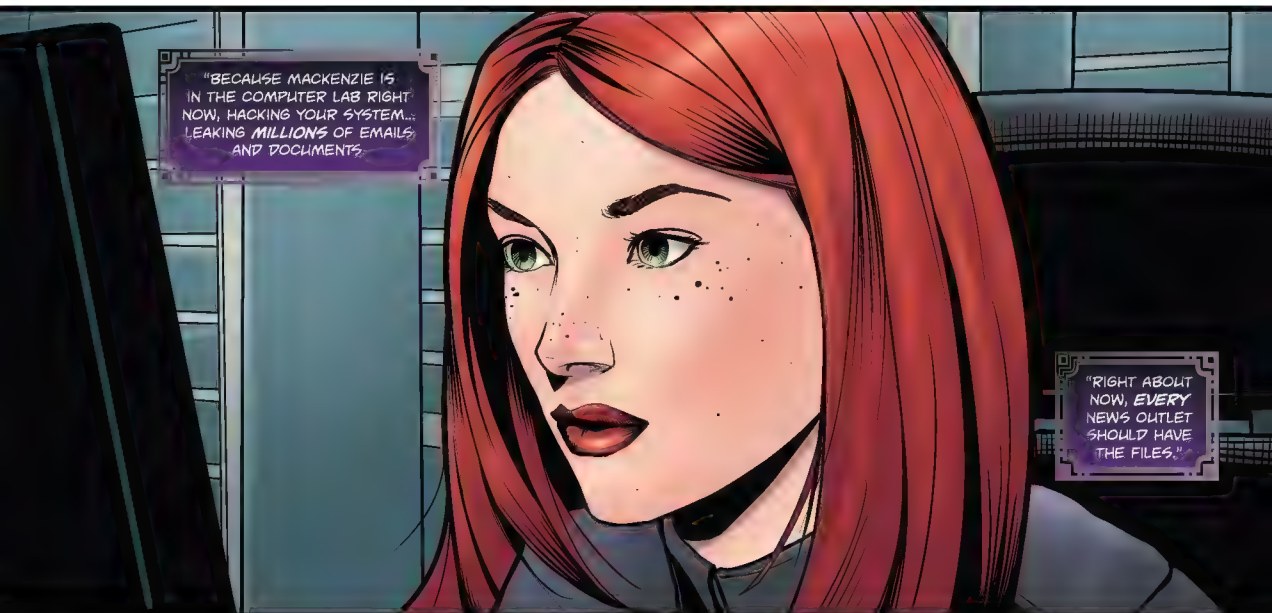
"BUT IT IS NOT ALWAYS ABOUT
SPEED OR *STRENGTH*. THE
GREATEST VICTORIES ARE WON
WITHOUT EVER DRAWING A SWORD."

"I GOT INSIDE *BOTH*
CLANS, MADE SOME
FRIENDS... SPREAD
SOME HALF-TRUTHS."



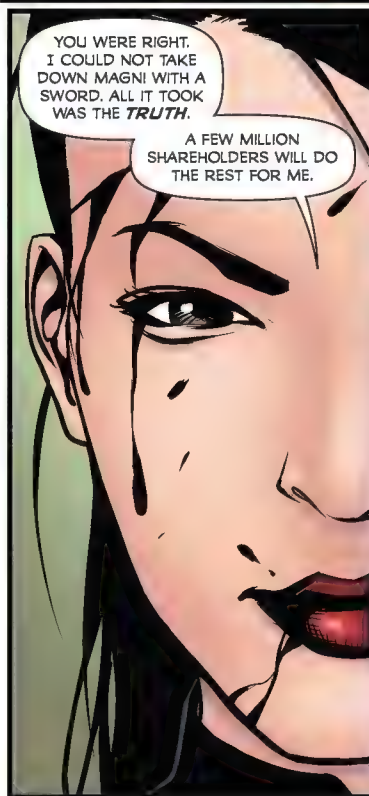
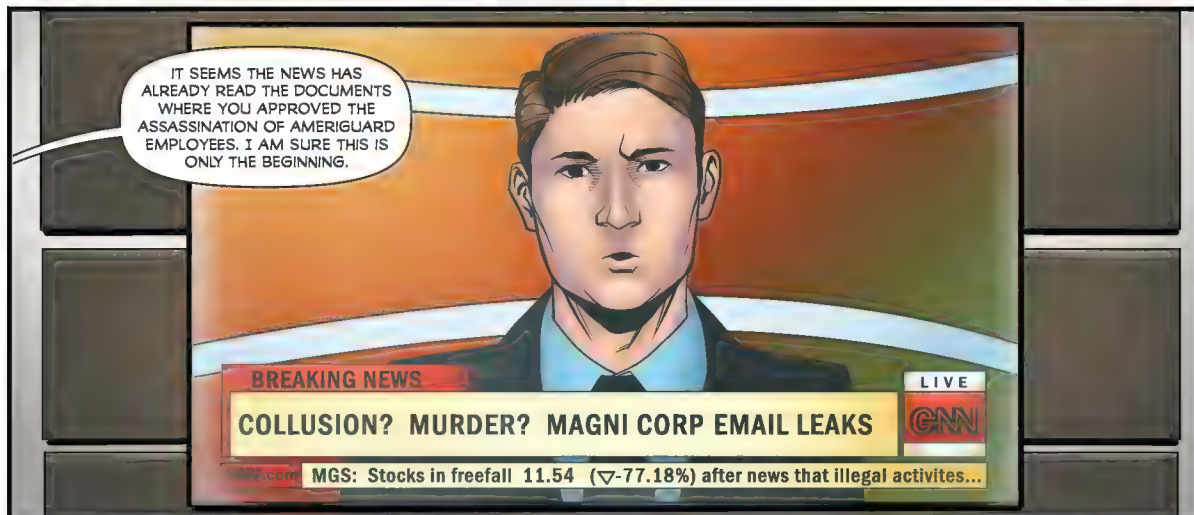
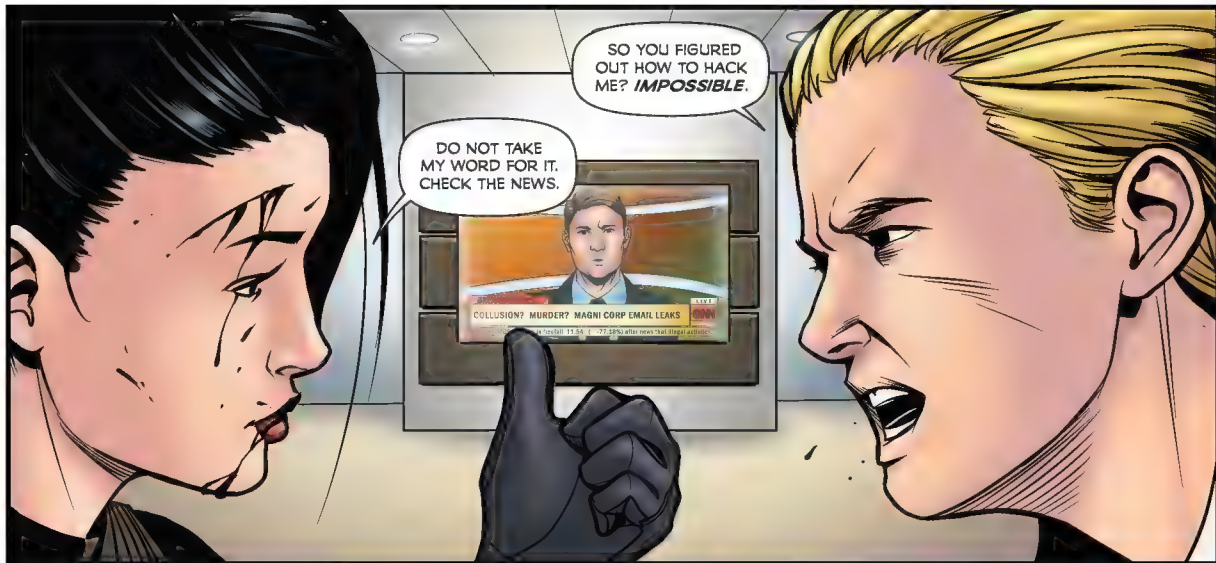
"THEN I ARRANGED A
MEETING BETWEEN THEM,
TELLING EACH SIDE THE
OTHER WAS PLANNING
A DOUBLE-CROSS."

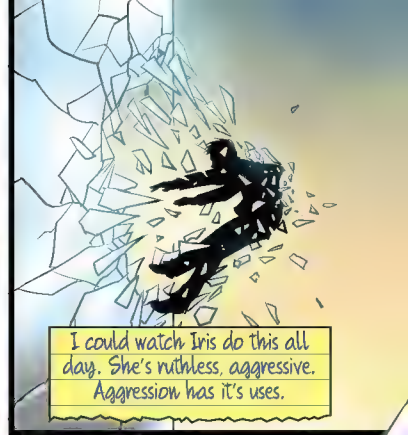
"I EXPLAINED THAT ELIMINATING
THEIR COMPETITION WOULD
CREATE A VACUUM, ALLOWING
THEM TO ASSUME POWER. THEY
FOUGHT MY WAR FOR ME."



*EDITOR'S NOTE:
SEE EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT IRIS,
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I could watch Iris do this all day. She's ruthless, aggressive. Aggression has it's uses.



Magni's stock continued to plummet, falling at record speeds.

Within a week, half their employees would be arrested. Chapter Seven was just around the corner.



And just like we planned, it all came crashing down.



Iris went freelance again, disappearing back into the underworld. Tokyo, Prague, Sydney... she could be *anywhere* by now.



NEW YORK CITY,
TWO WEEKS LATER.

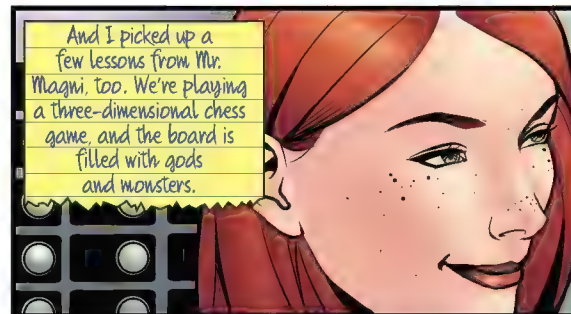
I might never see Iris again,
but her lessons stuck with me.



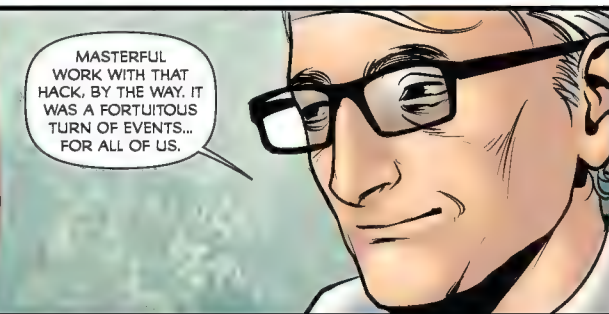
Decoys. Misdirection. Get your
target looking one way while
you go the other.

MISS
HOLLAND,
LOVELY TO
SEE YOU!

DR.
ZYRA, A
PLEASURE.



And I picked up a
few lessons from Mr.
Magni, too. We're playing
a three-dimensional chess
game, and the board is
filled with gods
and monsters.

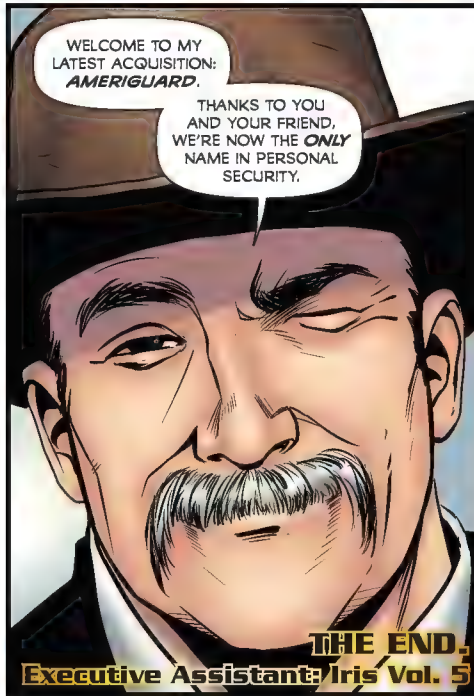


MASTERFUL
WORK WITH THAT
HACK. BY THE WAY, IT
WAS A FORTUITOUS
TURN OF EVENTS...
FOR ALL OF US.



...and to survive, you need
to stay a few steps ahead.

AND YOU MUST
BE THIS **MACK** I KEEP
HEARIN' ABOUT. I'M GLAD
MY NEW RIGHT HAND MAN
CALLED YOU UP TO
THE **MAJORS**!



WELCOME TO MY
LATEST ACQUISITION:
AMERIGUARD.

THANKS TO YOU
AND YOUR FRIEND,
WE'RE NOW THE **ONLY**
NAME IN PERSONAL
SECURITY.

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Chapter Eight

I COULD FEEL THE POWER GROWING
 INSIDE EACH OF MY NEW ENHANCED
 HANDS! I WAS UNSTOPPABLE!



WORMIER--
 YOU CAN'T
 FLY!!!



THCKK
 THCKK



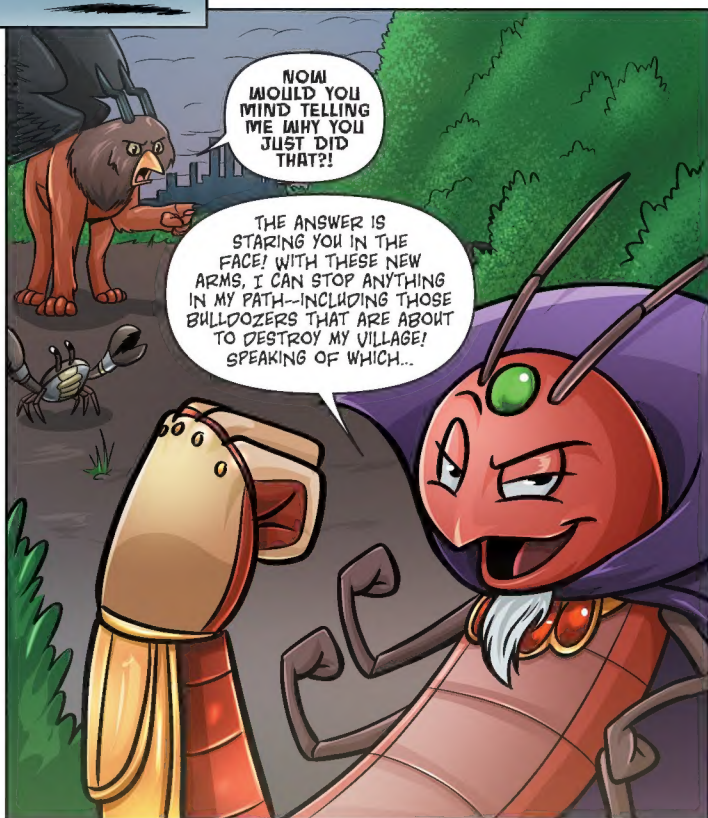
TOOK
 YOU LONG
 ENOUGH!

HOW
 DARE YOU,
 SIR!



YOU
 REALLY NEED
 TO TELL ME
 THESE THINGS
 FIRST?!

I'M THE
 SMARTEST
 WORM IN THE
 WORLD, GRIFF!
 IT'S ON YOU
 TO KEEP
 UP!



NOW
 WOULD YOU
 MIND TELLING
 ME WHY YOU
 JUST DID
 THAT?!

THE ANSWER IS
 STARING YOU IN THE
 FACE! WITH THESE NEW
 ARMS, I CAN STOP ANYTHING
 IN MY PATH--INCLUDING THOSE
 BULLDOZERS THAT ARE ABOUT
 TO DESTROY MY VILLAGE!
 SPEAKING OF WHICH...





To Be Continued
Chapter Nine
Coming Next Month!